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LATVALA – The car is ok, le Pirelli tyres also, I am managing my lead. I did a good time in the first stage, rocks were not a problem for me, the second pass will anyway be better. The Fiorentini stage is very technical, with lots of restarts, that is why Loeb who was starting behind could make up time.

LOEB – The morning went well, pity for that 10" penalty at the start of stage 9, we were late into the TC after checking the car. The car was very unstable on the Sa Linea stage, the Ford were better off there. My race tactic is only one, going to the maximum, in the afternoon the stages will be cleaner and it will be warmer.

HIRVONEN – Everything fine, pity for those seconds lost in the Fiorentini stage, then I found some horses in the stage. We are putting the pressure on Sébastien, the pre-event test was essential for our performance, the car is perfect.

SORDO – Considering the one and a half minute which I lost yesterday, I cannot complain of my event. I did not like the Sa Linea stage, instead the Fiorentini stage is very technical.

HENNING SOLBERG – Everything Ok, the first stage isn't the best, the second one is very technical. I had a puncture in the last stage, where I lost over one and a half minutes.

PETTER SOLBERG – I am still fourth but I lost too much time in the last stage for differential problems. A lot of rocks on the first stage, the second is better, we will see how they will be in the second loop.

NOVIKOV – The stages are very difficult, I liked both the "Micki's Jump" and the Monte Leno stage.

VILLAGRA – I had problems in a junction on stage 8 where I lost a lot of time.

OSTBERG – Everything quite well, a pity that at Micki's Jump we broke the front right suspension, losing a lot of time in the stage.

KOSCIUSZKO – The set-up has improved, stage times are coming, now we are leading. I liked the Fiorentini stage a lot, it fits our car perfectly.

PROKOP – I lost time in the last stage in the dust behind Bettega.

BETTEGA – A pity, I went off in the last stage right after the start, I lost several minutes to get back on the road and I am behind. I didn't need this, besides I keep having problems to an engine mount, a structural problem of the R3.



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AL-ATTIYAH – Everything fine, we are fighting with Sandell, I like the event.

SANDELL – I am leading Pwrc, in stage 8 Group N are advantaged compared to S2000 cars as there are a lot of restarts.

ARAUJO – I damaged a rear suspension arm in the first stage, it then broke in the third one and I lost precious seconds and the lead in Pwrc.